A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) 30,235 acres.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Departmental examination or supervision from field to gin and press is arranged whenever an application is made either by the grower of M.A. 5 cotton or the trader.

(*d*) Primary seed plots are maintained at the Government experimental stations. Also pure seed plots covering 100 to 400 acres are maintained in each of the protected zones to return sufficient seed material for bulk distribution. The growing of this cotton is not encouraged where other cottons are grown to avoid mixing and deterioration.

(*e*) The tests are made at all stages from Kappas to final pressing and baling of lint.

Services of Tractors, Bulldozers, Excavators in connection with Grow More Food Campaign.

Q.—105. Mushir-ul-Mulk J. MOHAMED IMAM (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount spent on the purchase of tractors, bulldozers, excavators in connection with Grow More Food Campaign ;

(*b*) the number so purchased ;

(*c*) of these the number sold to private persons ;

(*d*) of the remaining, how many are in actual service ;

(*e*) the area operated upon with these machinery ;

(*f*) the number of tanks desilted by mechanical means during the last three years ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) Rs. 21,97,282.

(*b*) 127 tractors.
16 bulldozers.

(*c*) 22.

(*d*) 64.

(*e*) (1) Tractor plughing—
60,979 acres.

(2) Levelling by bulldozers—
103,809 C. yds.

(3) Reclamation—
2,078 acres.

(4) Desilting—
142,832 C. yds.

(*f*) 11.

Plea for appointment of an Officer of Nutrition.

Q.—218. Sri W. H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Bangalore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Rockefeller Foundation is partly financing the nutritional study in some Districts of the Mysore State ;

(*b*) if so, the total amount contributed by Government as well as by the said Foundation for the years 1948-49 and 1949-50 ;

(*c*) in view of the importance of such studies, whether they will provide additional funds in the next Budget ;

(*d*) whether the Government of Madras has constituted a committee and also appointed a full-time Officer of Nutrition ;

(*e*) if so, whether the Government of Mysore will appoint one Officer for similar purpose ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No contributions in the years 1948-49 and 1949-50.

(*c*) This will be considered.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) This will be considered.

Salary grades of Nurses in Medical Department.

Q.—223. Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS (Retroceded Area—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the salaries paid at present to the Nurses in the Medical Department and their grades ;